## **CITY OF THORNTON**

Forestry and Gardens

## Annual Flower Program

## **Gardening Tips**

When planting an annual flower bed try to include a mixture of plants that will be in bloom at different times during the spring, summer and fall. Remove plants that look tired and replace them as the seasons change. This will ensure color for as long as possible. Here are some ideas for the seasons:

Spring Bloomers – Pansies, Violas, Calibrachoa, Sweet Alyssum, Nemesia, and Snap Dragons.

Summer Heat Lovers—Petunias, Zinnias, Nicotiana, Sweet Potato vine, Dahlias, Verbena, and Gumphrena.

Autumn Cheer– Chrysanthemums, ornamental cabbage, lettuce (yes lettuce), and Pansies.

\*Pansies can be planted in late fall and left over winter. They will thrive in the spring snow!

## Bringing Color to the City

Annual flower beds can be found throughout the city, and are planted in May and maintained until frost. Some of the city's most colorful beds are found at the Margret Carpenter Recreation Center.

